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RE: U.S. Continuation (Reissue) Patent Appln. for: VARIABLE SPEED MECHANISM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE SPEED OF AN ASSOCIATED LAWN MOWING APPARATUS

Dear Examiner Day,

Per your telephone call to our office on July 29, 2002, you indicated that the "Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration by the Assignee" was not acceptable as the declaration for the above-referenced matter. Therefore, we are enclosing a copy of the original declaration signed by the inventor for U.S. Utility Patent Application: VARIABLE SPEED MECHANISM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE SPEED OF AN ASSOCIATED LAWN MOWING APPARATUS, Serial No. 08/708,373, for the above-listed patent application.

Please feel free to call if you have any further questions or would like to discuss this case further.

Very Truly Yours,

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Attorney's Docket No. MTD 2 043

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

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☐ divisional

Reissue Application Declaration By the Assignee

I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are stated below next to my name. I am authorized to act on behalf of the following company: MTD Products Inc and the title of my position with said company is: Vice President of Product Development and Engineering.

The entire title to the patent identified below is vested in said company, as shown in the Assignment document at Reel 8263, Frame 0374. Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by a prior oath/declaration submitted in this application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

Name of Patentee(s): Michael Kamm
Patent Number: 5,803,847
Date Patent Issued: September 8, 1998

Title of Invention: A Variable Speed Mechanism and Method for Controlling the Speed of an Associated Lawn Apparatus

I believe said patentee(s) to be the original, first and sole or joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled: A Variable Speed Mechanism and Method for Controlling the Speed of an Associated Lawn Apparatus the specification of which

X is attached hereto.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

_____ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

X _____ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

_____ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows:

In light of Jones et al, the issued claims may be broader than the patentee has a right to.

All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agents(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

[WARNING: If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.]

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor or an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

A VARIABLE SPEED MECHANISM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE SPEED OF AN ASSOCIATED VEHICLE

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c)

(a) X is attached hereto.

(b) _____ was filed on _____ as _____ Serial No. 0 / _____

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or _____ Express Mail No., as Serial No. not yet known _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

(c) _____ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any).

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations. § 1.56(a).

_____ In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement, 37 CFR 1.97.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

(d) X no such applications have been filed.

(e) such applications have been filed as follows.

[NOTE: Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.]

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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____ Attached as part of this declaration and power of attorney is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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